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Summerland Gets Funding for Jones Flat and Garnet Valley Water System Separation Project approved under Canada's Small Communities Fund

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Summerland, British Columbia

Residents of Summerland will benefit from new water infrastructure thanks to joint funding from the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Small Communities Fund.

Summerland will use the funding to twin the water lines in Jones Flat and Garnet Valley that will allow residents access to clean safe drinking water while providing an adequate water supply for agricultural use. In order to provide quality water for this area, a new 9-kilometre dedicated domestic line will be installed and, in the Northern reaches, pumped through a booster station. When complete, this project will provide high quality drinking water for domestic use while still providing the quantity of water required for agriculture.

The project announced today is among 55 recently approved in British Columbia that will collectively receive more than \$128 million in joint federal-provincial funding under the Small Communities Fund. These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that maintain safe, healthy communities. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and British Columbia are working in partnership to provide funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the province that have fewer than 100,000 residents. These investments support job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across British Columbia for years to come.

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$2,263,333 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
- The Province of British Columbia will contribute up to \$2,263,333 to this project.
- The District of Summerland will be responsible for all remaining costs of the project.
- The total estimated cost for this project is \$6,790,000.
- The 55 projects approved for funding in British Columbia under the Small Communities Fund so far include 24 drinking water projects, 22 wastewater projects, four major roads projects, two disaster mitigation projects, two brownfield remediation projects and one solid waste management project.

Quotes

"We are proud to invest in projects like this new water line in Summerland that will benefit our community by improving much needed local infrastructure. Our Government's commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a positive and lasting impact on the quality of life of British Columbia's residents while helping create jobs and economic growth."

Dan Albas

Member of Parliament for Okanagan – Coquihalla

On behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

"Our partnership with the federal government is providing funding for Summerland's twinning of the Jones Flat and the Garnet Valley water systems through the Small Communities Fund. The creation of a

separate new dedicated domestic line will provide high quality drinking water for residents' use while still providing an adequate supply for agriculture – both are critical to area residents.”

*Dan Ashton
Member of Legislative Assembly for Penticton*

“Safe, secure and reliable water supply is a high priority for the District of Summerland. We are very pleased with the commitment of the federal and provincial governments to support Summerland's Garnet Valley Water Separation project. The project will supply high quality water from our water treatment plant to Garnet Valley domestic users. It will also assist community health by eliminating the need for boil water advisories. It will encourage economic growth particularly in the agriculture sector as it will reduce pressure to introduce water restrictions.”

*Peter Waterman
Mayor, District of Summerland*

Associated Links

To learn more about the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/sc-cp-eng.html>.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2015/home-accueil-eng.html>.

Learn more about the Small Communities Fund at work in British Columbia:
www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund

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